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Title: Asha'man of TWT

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The name Asha'man means "guardian" or "defender" in the Old Tongue. The word Asha'man could never be used to describe someone who did not fight for a just cause. Asha'man are men who

can channel (control the One Power) and have taken part in a training program founded by Draken-Korin.

Unlike the Aes Sedai, with a long training

period, the Asha'man training period is greatly accelerated, something known as forcing, which can easily result in someone burning themselves out by making a mistake and made more

perilous by the taint on saidin, but despite this its ranks continue to grow.

#### RANKS:

\*Soldier, the trainees, are identified by no rank pins, only their black coats.

\*Dedicated, the officers, are identified by a pin of a silver sword

\*Asha'man, the masters, are identified by a pin of a golden dragon.

Beyond this system instituted by Draken-Korin

for the training program, however, the field organization of the Asha'man is akin to battle units.

Aes Sedai have a very gradual hierarchy based on an individual's strength in the One Power, the Asha'man use a more explicitly militaristic system. However it should be noted that Soldier, Dedicated, and Asha'man bear similarity to the Aes Sedai ranks of Novice, Accepted, and Aes Sedai, which is in keeping with commonly repeated theme in which men and women, while having equal yet different strengths and weaknesses, differing in their abilities but having a parity with each other.

One other important difference is that Soldiers and Dedicated are expected to serve in the field, being Soldiers ready to fight almost from the moment they can touch the source.

Aes Sedai do not allow Novices and Accepted (except in very rare cases) to go on field assignments, thinking they need to be protected until they are fully trained.

Titles within the ranks of the Asha'man at this time include

Tsorovan'm'hael, "storm leader", and the title below it, Baijan'm'hael, "attack leader".

Draken-Korin himself holds the title of M'hael, or simply "Leader" in the Old Tongue.

#### TRAINING

Asha'man training is much more militaristic and battle oriented than the

training of Aes Sedai, as they are being trained purely to fight. Training also proceeds at a much faster pace than that of Aes Sedai, and consequently the percentage of training Asha'man who burn themselves out or kill themselves accidentally is much higher than the comparative percentage for the Aes Sedai.

Males who can channel saidin often describe it as a torrential storm of fire and ice which they must continually fight to maintain control, whereas women are taught to surrender to saidar, and in surrendering to it they gain control over it. In addition, the taint placed on saidin by unknown sources, makes their training particularly hazardous, and several Asha'man have already had to be "put to sleep" with poisoned wine due to growing insanity.

From the start Asha'man do all their chores with saidin, even if it takes them much longer than the normal time it would take to do a chore by hand.

Although their primary purpose is to learn how to inflict damage with the One Power, all Asha'man learn healing.

Should an Asha'man defect, they are hunted down and have their head hung on the Traitor's Tree.

Thank you for reading about the structure of the Asha'man of TWT and what is offered here. TWT was built with the idea that we are a

semi-roleplaying guild and  
it is most assuredly built  
for it.

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create a character with  
the intent of making a  
mark on both TWT and  
Sosaria. Please think  
long and hard on which  
path best suits your  
personality.